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PASS NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE/ NAKATSU

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SAIGON FOR AID/ PASS FISHERY GEAR SPECIALIST HILTON FLOYD

E. O. 11652: ,/ A

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SUBJECT: FISHERIES USE OF KMIDC MOTHERSHIP

REF: CONVERSATION ATKINSON/ FLOYD (4/16/73), SEOUL 2458

1. FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION OBTAINED AMEMBASSY SEOUL ON SPECIFICATIONS AND AVAILABILITY MOTHERSHIP FOR SALE/ CHARTER:

".... JEDONG HAS PROVIDED SPECIFICATIONS ON MOTHERSHIP.... KEY ELEMENTS ARE:

BOOK VALUE	\$2 MILLION
LAUNCH DATE	NOVEMBER 1946 (NORWAY)
LENGTH	155 METERS
BEAM	19.3 METERS
DRAFT	8.26 METERS
G/ T	7073 METRIC TONS
N/ T	4221 METRIC TONS
HOLD CAPACITY	8000 CUBIC METERS
FUEL CAPACITY	3,200 CUBIC METERS
CRUISING SPEED	14 KNOTS
POWER PLANT	DANISH

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CANNING FACILITIES ARE JAPANESE AND HAVE NEVER BEEN USED.
THEY INCLUDE ROTARY FILLER WITH 230 CAN PER MINUTE CAPACITY.
SHIP ALSO CONTAINS FISH MEAL PLANT WITH 30 TON RAW
MATERIAL CAPACITY."

2. AMEMBASSY SEOUL CONFIRMS JEDONG INTERESTED IN SALE OR CHARTER
OF SHIP.

3. REGFISHATT WOULD APPRECIATE IF FLOYD OR OTHER AID OFFICIAL
WOULD BRING THE AVAILABILITY OF THIS VESSEL TO THE ATTENTION OF
FISHERY DIRECTOR TRI- VAN- TRAN OR DEPUTY DIRECTOR LE VAN DAES
ALONG ROUTES PATROLLED BY GVN. FOUR OF THESE INCIDENTS WERE IN
NORTHERN BINH DINH AND REMAINDER SCATTERED IN PHU YEN, KHANH HOA,
BINH THUAN, QUANG DUC AND KONTUM. AGGREGATE CASUALTIES WERE
RVNAF:
FOUR KIA, 13 WIA; ENEMY, UNKNOWN. ONE OF PHU YEN INCIDENTS WAS
MINING OF MORNING TRAIN TRAVELING SOUTH THROUGH HIEU XUONG DISTRICT.
PHU YEN SECTOR BRIEFING REPORTS LOCOMOTIVE AND SIX CARS DAMAGED
BUT NO PERSONNEL CASUALTIES, BUT USAID AREA SPECIALIST WHO WAS NEAR
THE SCENE QUOTES LOCAL RESIDENTS AS SAYING SEVERAL PERSONS WERE
WOUNDED.

4. SEPARATE INCIDENT ON WHICH WE SO FAR HAVE ALMOST NO DETAILS IS
REPORTED VN NAVY APPREHENSION OF COMMUNIST CHINESE FISHING VESSEL
AT SEA OFF COAST OF BINH THUAN SOMETIME ON APRIL 24. VESSEL
REPORTEDLY BROUGHT INTO PHAN THIET HARBOR. AS EVENT WAS
DESCRIBED AT NHA TRANG REGIONAL BRIEFING THIS MORNING, VESSEL WAS
FISHING 35 NAUTICAL MILES OFF COAST OF SVN IN CONTRAVENTION OF
REPORTED GVN 50- NAUTICAL- MILE LIMIT. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
WILL BE REPORTED AS RECEIVED.

5. ICCS: ORDERLY CROWD OF ABOUT 300 PERSONS, MOSTLY YOUTHS,
ATTENDED SERVICES AT MAIN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN PHAN RANG, NINH
THUAN, FOR VICTIMS OF EASTER NIGHT EXPLOSION IN PHUOC THIEN HAMLET.
CROWD THEN MARCHED ACROSS STREET TO PROVINCE HQ AND PRESENTED
PROVINCE CHIEF WITH A PROTEST SIGNED BY " POPULATION OF PHUOC
THIEN AND SURROUNDING HAMLETS." NEXT STOP WAS
ICCS (AND USAID) COMPOUND, WHERE SMALL DELEGATION OF PRIEST,
PROVINCE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN AND A FEW NOTABLES ENTERED TO TALK WITH
ICCS DELEGATES. REMAINDER OF CROWD STAYED IN ASSEMBLY AREA OUTSIDE
COMPOUND, PASSING OUT LEAFLETS AND CHANTING " DOWN WITH THE
VIET CONG."

6. SEVERAL ICCS PERSONNEL (NOT CERTAIN WHETHER ALL CHIPS
PARTICIPATED) THEN WENT TO MEET WITH CROWD AND HEARD LONG SPEECH
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